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Possessions were sold wholesale, or transferred, in lieu of taxes, to the State. Earlier in our Century, this family had possessed Devonshire House in Piccadilly, Lismore Castle in Ireland, the Burlington Villa at Chiswick, Hardwick Hall, a house at Eastbourne, a grouse moor at Bolton Abbey, a racing establishment, and heaven knows what else in the way of housing and real estate. Except for Chatsworth, the moor, and the Irish property, little now remains. Chatsworth is an objective of tourist visits--250,000 people gaped at it last year.

Indeed, it is worthy of attention. The vast structure contains some of the finest art objects in existence: painting, sculpture, drawings of old masters, furniture, French and English, of great rarety, books, and a miscellany derived from more than two hundred and fifty years of collecting. What is meum and teum, between the family and the British government is unclear to me.

Devonshire is in the Commonwealth office, an almost incessant traveler. Ebullient by nature, attractive in personality, one wonders why he devotes himself to what must be boring occupations as contrasted with those open to a tremendous landowner. An exacting sense of duty, I suppose, is the answer.

We dined tonight in company with Robert Kee and his attractive wife, Lord Sackville, a literary and musical critic, (who owns Knole, but has turned it over to a relative) Lord Birkenhead and Dame (the agreeable writer and sister of Michael Berry) and others. I assume, because of the excellence and character of the food, it was prepared by a French chef.

The rooms allocated to E and I were comfortable and superb. One felt, looking about them, as if one were perambulating through English history. The family ramifications and political power of the Cavendishes were apparent in pictures, prints, and many souvenirs.

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and is said not to be on the best of terms with the leaders of the present Central Government.

Joe Sweeney has arrived from Washington, to make a survey of our operations here. Also, I saw Dean Myers about the setting up of an Anglo-American Journal. This would require financing by an American Foundation.

E and I lunched with Maurice Macmillan, the Prime Minister's son, and his delightful wife, a sister of David Ormsby Gore, at 12 Catherine Place. There were several MP's, as well as other guests. Their house is attractive, as was the food and company.

At 3:30, E and I were seated in St. Paul's Cathedral for the Evensong service commemorating the 300th anniversary of the Anglican Book of Common Prayer. This was a remarkable spectacle. Shortly after our arrival, the Aldermen and High Officers moved to their places in Quire. They were followed by a procession of representatives of the Free Churches and Foreign Churches, including several individuals robed in most exotic gowns. Bishops from all over the world were in evidence, including those from Lahore, Zanzibar, The Sudan, Rangoon, topped by the Archbishops of Jerusalem and Capetown. Choristers, Minor Canons, Proctors and Rural Deans, Virgers, Prebendaries, Archdeacons, Provosts and Deans, appeared in long files. The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs hove into sight. Finally at 3:55 the Queen, ~~who had been~~ met ~~at the entrance by the Lord Mayor~~, and received by the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury and his immediate entourage, made her way to her special seat. The Lord Mayor bore a pearl sword, which he placed on a cushion in front of her. The beautiful service then started, and lasted for an hour and a quarter.

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I returned to the office to handle ~~more temporal things. My first was from~~ Phil Reed, with whom I had had little chance to exchange conversation when he came